

CANAL COMMISSION

STATUS IS IN DOUBT

Question Whether It Is Now In Legal Existence Is Raised In the Senate.

NO NOMINATION MADE SINCE JUNE

Present Commissioners in Office Under "Recess Appointments" in 1905 and Not Since Confirmed—Contracts Entered Into Might Be Declared Illegal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—More serious legal questions are being raised in the Senate regarding the Isthmian Canal Commission. In addition to the doubt cast yesterday upon the right of the commission to enter into a contract for the completion of the Panama canal at a cost which will make the canal expenditures exceed the \$135,000,000 limit established by the Spooner law, it is questioned whether the commission now has any legal right to existence.

Secretary Taft asked the Canal Commission to favorably report the nominations of T. P. Shonts as chairman and five of the present members of the commission. Senator Kittredge said no nominations had been received by the Senate. Mr. Taft was under the impression that nominations had been sent in.

The last time nominations of the Canal Commission were sent in President Roosevelt transmitted in December, 1905, the names of Mr. Shonts and others. Investigation of the Canal Commission's policy and methods was then under way, and these nominations were not confirmed.

These nominations had been made in April, 1905, as "recess appointments." The law is that recess appointments shall be confirmed at the next session of the Senate, or shall terminate upon adjournment of that session without confirmation. According to this law the nominations all terminated with the adjournment of Congress on June 30 last. They were not renewed. Mr. Shonts has now resigned.

The serious points raised is whether any of the acts of the commission since the adjournment of Congress last June are legal, because, although the Senate has a right to criticize the action of the President, the question is asked whether a contract made since last June with the commission can be enforced. It is thought by some persons a contractor might successfully make the point that such a contract was illegal because the commission had no legal right to existence.

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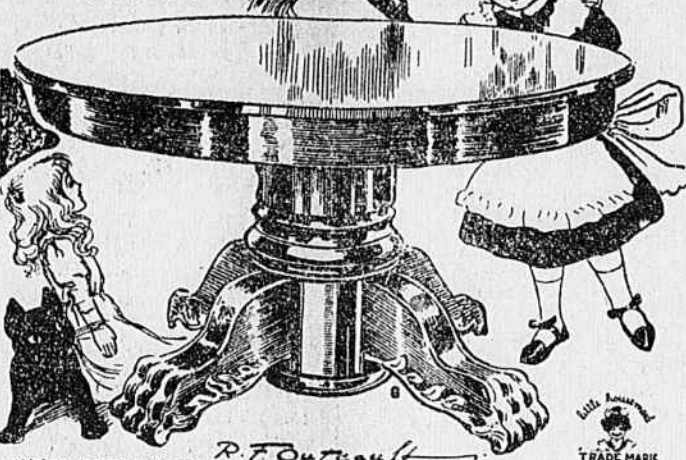
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Tillman Will Stay With Boyhood Friend.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 14.—Senator Tillman, when he comes to Portsmouth to lecture in March, will be the guest of his boyhood friend, Captain T. Harvey.



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NOTICE.

To the voters and taxpayers of Newport News, Virginia: Beginning with today my deputy, Mr. R. A. T. Clement will call on you for a list of your taxable personal property in accordance with the law. I trust he may have your co-operation and that you will give the matter your prompt attention.

BERNARD W. CRUMP, Commissioner of Revenue. 2-14-1mo.

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